

VISION CHANGES FOR 2008

The following are highlights of changes in the Vision Program and Retiree/Annuitant Vision Program for 2008. These changes are reflected in the BAM Vision Section 1200.

Note: This Section has been revised to include information on the new Retiree/Annuitant Vision Program. This information will assist you to understand how the program works, eligibility criteria, enrollment process, premiums, and other program information. Additionally, the program is named, the Retiree/Annuitant Vision Program. However, we may reflect Retiree Vision Program, and not always indicate Retiree/Annuitant Vision Program throughout this section.

What's New in the Vision Manual

- **Section 1201.** General Information – Information added to provide the group number for the new Retiree/Annuitant Vision Program and authority.
- **Section 1202.** Eligibility – Information added to provide the eligibility criteria for the Retiree/Annuitant Vision Program under “For Retiring Employees”.
- **Section 1203.** Vision Enrollment into Retirement – Information provided on vision coverage enrollment options at retirement.
- **Section 1203.** 12-Month Minimum Enrollment Period – Information provided regarding the Retiree/Annuitant 12-month minimum enrollment period.
- **Section 1203.** Open Enrollment – Information provided regarding open enrollment.
- **Section 1206.** Dual Coverage – Information provided on dual vision coverage scenarios for active employees and retirees.
- **Section 1211.** Instructions for Completion of DPA 695 – Information provided on how to complete the form to enroll in the Retiree/Annuitant Vision Program.
- **Section 1212.** Plan Address – Information added on where to send the DPA 695 for processing.
- **Attachment A** – Sample of the Vision Plan Enrollment Authorization (STD. 700) rev. 2/2008. The form has been revised. There are no major changes. The formatting was changed to accommodate SCO's forms processing applications (i.e., employee's name, SSN, and marital status information moved from the right side of the form to the left side of the form). The STD. 700 rev. 2/2008 can be ordered through the Department of General Services (DGS), Office of State Publishing and also available as fill and print on their web site. The form is also available as fill and print on DPA's web site (under “Forms”).
- **Attachment D** – Sample of the Retiree Vision Plan Enrollment Authorization (DPA 695) rev. 6/2008. The form has been revised. There are no major changes. The word “Deduction” has been deleted on the form and date of birth designation was added to the retiree information section. The DPA 695 rev. 6/2008 is available on DPA's web site (under “Forms”).
- **Attachment E** – Permitting Event Codes/Effective Date Chart for the Retiree/Annuitant Vision Program (new). After the initial enrollment is processed by the vision plan, then the retiree/annuitant should contact the vision plan to report applicable permitting events.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE STATE VISION PROGRAM

Personnel Office staff requiring assistance or clarification regarding the State's Vision Program for active employees should call Bryan Bruno, Staff Personnel Program Analyst at (916) 445-9841. Personnel Office staff requiring assistance or clarification regarding the State's Retiree/Annuitant Vision Program should call Lisa Hatten, Personnel Program Analyst at (916) 323-2712.